

# HOUSE BILL 776

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By: **Delegates McDonough and Kach**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Study the Impact of the Common Core State Standards in**  
3 **Baltimore County**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Study the Impact of the Common  
5 Core State Standards in Baltimore County; providing for the composition, chair,  
6 and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from  
7 receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain  
8 expenses; requiring the Commission to study a certain impact, hold certain  
9 public meetings, evaluate certain concerns, and make recommendations  
10 regarding certain matters; requiring the Commission to report its findings and  
11 recommendations to certain persons on or before a certain date; providing for  
12 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Commission to Study  
13 the Impact of the Common Core State Standards in Baltimore County.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) There is a Commission to Study the Impact of the Common Core State  
17 Standards in Baltimore County.

18 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

19 (1) the Chair of the Baltimore County Senators, or the Chair's  
20 designee;

21 (2) the Chair of the Baltimore County House Delegation, or the  
22 Chair's designee;

23 (3) one representative of the Baltimore County Parent Teacher  
24 Association Council, appointed by the Council;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (4) one representative of the Teachers Association of Baltimore  
2 County, appointed by the Association; and

3           (5) the following members, appointed by the Baltimore County  
4 Executive:

5                   (i) two teachers who work in public schools in Baltimore  
6 County;

7                   (ii) one principal of a public school in Baltimore County;

8                   (iii) two individuals who are parents of students currently  
9 enrolled in public schools in Baltimore County; and

10                   (iv) two experts in the field of education.

11           (c) The following individuals may not be members of the Commission:

12                   (1) the Superintendent of the Baltimore County Public Schools; and

13                   (2) a member of the Baltimore County Board of Education.

14           (d) The County Executive shall designate the chair of the Commission.

15           (e) The Baltimore County Public Schools shall provide staff for the  
16 Commission.

17           (f) A member of the Commission:

18                   (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

19                   (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
20 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

21           (g) The Commission shall:

22                   (1) study the impact of the implementation of the Common Core State  
23 Standards on students, teachers, families of students, and the general public in  
24 Baltimore County;

25                   (2) hold at least seven public meetings, one in each councilmanic district  
26 in Baltimore County, to present information about the Common Core State Standards and  
27 provide any interested member of the general public an opportunity to:

28                           (i) ask questions about the standards and the implementation of  
29 the standards; and

1                   (ii) testify on experiences with and concerns about the  
2 implementation of the standards;

3                   (3) evaluate any concerns raised at the public meetings relating to the  
4 implementation of the Common Core State Standards; and

5                   (4) make recommendations regarding the implementation of the  
6 Common Core State Standards in Baltimore County.

7                   (h) On or before January 1, 2015, the Commission shall report its findings  
8 and recommendations to the Baltimore County Executive, the Baltimore County Council,  
9 and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Baltimore  
10 County Senators and House Delegation.

11                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 July 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,  
13 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
14 abrogated and of no further force and effect.